

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for identifying IV administration set components, wherein the IV administration set includes an IV solution container, a drip chamber, and an IV line having a port, the system comprising:

5 a first identification element that is removably attached to the drip chamber for subsequent attachment to the container;

a second identification element fixed to the drip chamber; and

a third identification element that is removably attachable to the port, the third identification element comprising:

10 first and second mating sections joined along an integral hinge, wherein the mating sections are foldable toward each other along the hinge to form a sleeve configured and dimensioned to fit over and conform to the exterior surface of the port.

15 2. The system of Claim 1, wherein each of the first and second mating sections comprises:

a trough-like portion aligned along and adjacent to the hinge; and

a tabular portion extending from the trough-like portion;

20 wherein the trough-like portions form the sleeve when the first and second mating sections are folded together along the hinge.

25 3. The system of Claim 2, wherein one of the tabular portions includes an aperture, and the other of the tabular portions includes a peg dimensioned to fit into the aperture with a friction fit for securing the tabular portions together when the first and second mating sections are folded toward each other along the hinge.

4. The system of Claim 1, wherein the first identification element includes a patch that is adhesively attached to the drip chamber in a manner that allows it to be removed therefrom for subsequent attachment to the container.

5 5. The system of Claim 1, wherein the second identification element includes a marker that is permanently fixed to the drip chamber.

6. The system of Claim 1, wherein the first, second, and third identification elements bear matching identification symbols.

10 7. The system of Claim 6, wherein the identification symbols are selected from the group consisting of Arabic numerals, Roman numerals, letters, geometric shapes, abstract shapes, and colors.

15 8. A system for identifying IV administration set components, wherein the IV administration set includes an IV solution container, a drip chamber, and an IV line having a port, the system comprising:

a first identification element that is removably attached to the drip chamber with an adhesive that allows it to be subsequently attached to the container;

20 a second identification element permanently fixed to the drip chamber; and a third identification element that is removably attachable to the port;

wherein the first, second, and third identification elements are marked with matching identification symbols; and

wherein the third identification element comprises:

25 first and second mating sections joined along an integral hinge, wherein the mating sections are foldable toward each other along the hinge to form a sleeve

configured and dimensioned to fit over and conform to the exterior surface of the port.

9. The system of Claim 8, wherein each of the first and second mating
5 sections comprises:

a trough-like portion aligned along and adjacent to the hinge; and

a tabular portion extending from the trough-like portion;

wherein the trough-like portions form the sleeve when the first and second
mating sections are folded together along the hinge.

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10. The system of Claim 8, wherein the identification symbols are selected
from the group consisting of Arabic numerals, Roman numerals, letters, geometric
shapes, abstract shapes, and colors.

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